

ORDINANCE NO. 1566

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LODI
REPEALING **AND** REENACTING IN ITS ENTIRETY
CHAPTER 2.04 - CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS

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BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LODI AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. Lodi Municipal Code Chapter 2.04 - City Council Meetings -
is hereby repealed and reenacted in its entirety to read as follows:

Chapter 2.04

CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS

Sections:

- 2.04.010 REGULAR MEETINGS--DAY AND TIME.
- 2.04.020 INFORMAL **INFORMATIONAL** MEETINGS.
- 2.04.030 MEETING PLACE.
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- 2.04.050 SPECIAL MEETINGS.
- 2.04.060 QUORUM.
- 2.04.070 PRESIDING OFFICER--MAYOR--MAYOR PRO TEMPORE.
- 2.04.080 CALL TO ORDER--TEMPORARY CHAIRMAN.
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2.04.010 **REGULAR MEETINGS--DAY AND TIME.**

Regular meetings of the City Council shall be held on the first and third Wednesday of each month at seven p.m. In case the meeting day falls upon a legal holiday, then the regular meeting which otherwise would have occurred on that day shall be held on the first business day thereafter at the hour of seven p.m. In case the regular meeting falls on Christmas Eve or New Year's Eve, then the regular meeting which otherwise would have occurred on that day shall be held on the first business day thereafter at the hour of seven p.m.

2.04.020 **INFORMAL INFORMATIONAL MEETINGS.**

Informal informational meetings of the City Council shall be held on each Tuesday morning of each month at the hour of seven a.m. in the Council Chambers of the City or at such location and at such time as the Council may deem appropriate, subject to notice requirements as provided by law. No formal action shall be taken by the City Council at such meetings. The City Manager, City Attorney, Department Heads and members of the public, as the Council may request, shall be present and present such information as may be deemed desirable.

2.04.030 **MEETING PLACE.**

All regular meetings of the Council shall be held in the Council Chambers, Carnegie Forum building, Lodi, California, or at such other place as the Council may deem appropriate, subject to notice requirements as provided by law. If by reason of fire, flood, earthquake or other emergency, it is unsafe to meet in the place so designated, the meetings may be held for the duration of the emergency at such place as is designated by the Mayor.

2.04.040

MEETINGS TO BE PUBLIC.

All meetings of the Council shall be open to the public.

2.04.050

SPECIAL MEETINGS.

At any time the Mayor or three City Council members may call a special meeting by delivering written notice to each member and to each local newspaper of general circulation, radio or television station requesting notice in writing, such notice to be delivered personally or by mail at least twenty-four hours before the time of such meeting. Written notice may be dispensed with if a representative of the newspaper, radio or television station is present at the meeting and if all Council members give their written consent to the meeting and the consent is filed in the City Clerk's office when the meeting is held. A Council member may give such consent by telegram.

2.04.060

QUORUM.

A majority of all members elected to the Council shall constitute a quorum at any regular or special meeting of the Council. Unless otherwise required by law, a simple majority of the members present may take action or adopt ordinances or resolutions.

2.04.070

PRESIDING OFFICER--MAYOR--WAYOR PRO TEMPORE.

The presiding officer of the Council shall be the Mayor who shall be elected by the Council annually at the first regular meeting after the canvass of votes done in conjunction with the statewide general election in even-numbered years. In years where there is no general statewide election, the Mayor shall be elected at the first regular meeting in November. At the time of the election of the Mayor, one of the members of the Council shall be chosen as Mayor Pro Tempore. If the Mayor is absent or unable to act, the Mayor Pro Tempore shall serve until the Mayor returns or is able to act. The Mayor shall preserve

strict order and decorum at all regular and special meetings of the Council. He shall state every question coming before the Council, call for the vote, announce the decision of the Council on all subjects and decide all questions of order, subject, however, to an appeal to the Council, in which event a majority vote of the Council shall govern and conclusively determine such question of order. He shall sign all ordinances adopted by the Council during his presence. In the event of the absence of the Mayor, the Mayor Pro Tempore shall sign ordinances as then adopted.

2.04.080 CALL TO ORDER--TEMPORARY CHAIRMAN.

The Mayor, or in his/her absence the Mayor Pro Tempore, shall take the chair at the hour appointed for the meeting, and shall immediately call the Council to order. In the absence of the Mayor or Mayor Pro Tempore, the City Clerk, or the acting City Clerk shall call the Council to order whereupon a temporary chairperson shall be elected by the members of the Council present. Upon the arrival of the Mayor or Mayor Pro Tempore, the temporary chairperson shall immediately relinquish the chair upon the conclusion of the business immediately before the Council.

2.04.090 ROLL CALL.

Before proceeding with the business of the Council at regular, special, or informational sessions, the City Clerk or the acting City Clerk shall call the roll of the members, and the names of those present shall be entered in the minutes

2.04.100 ORDER OF BUSINESS--ASSEMBLY OF OFFICERS.

At the hour set by this chapter or other ordinance on the day of each regular meeting, the members of the Council, the City Clerk, City Manager and City Attorney shall take their regular stations in the

Council Chamber and the business of the Council shall be taken up for consideration and disposition in the following order, except that with the majority consent of the Council, matters may be taken out of order and that the order of business set forth in this section may be changed from time to time by the adoption of an ordinance by the City Council:

- A. Roll call;
- B. Invocation;
- C. Pledge of allegiance;
- D. Presentations:
 - 1. Awards;
 - 2. Proclamations;
- E. Consent calendar [Reading; comments by the public; council action];
- F. Comments by city council members on non-agenda items;
- G. Comments by the public on non-agenda items;
- H. Public hearings;
- I. Communications;
 - 1. Claims filed against the City of Lodi;
 - 2. Alcoholic Beverage Control License applications;
 - 3. Reports: Boards/Commissions/Task Forces/Committees;
 - 4. Appointments;
- J. Regular calendar;
- K. Ordinances;
- L. Closed session;
- M. Adjournment.

2.04.110 READING AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES.

Unless the reading of the minutes of a Council meeting is requested by a majority of the Council, such minutes may be approved without reading if the City Clerk has previously furnished each member

with a copy thereof. Any Council member can correct an error in the minutes, subject to verification by the Clerk.

2.04.120 RULES OF DEBATE.

The Council shall, by resolution, adopt rules of conduct and debate applicable to all City Council meetings.

2.04.130 ADDRESSING THE COUNCIL.

A. Any interested person may, subject to the rules of procedure adopted hereunder, speak on any item coming before the Council. It shall not be required that persons wishing to speak give prior written notice, but priority shall be given to those who have so notified the City Clerk in advance.

B. After a motion is made and seconded, no person shall address the City Council without first securing permission of the Council to do so.

C. Remarks by the public shall be made only from the podium. Speakers shall first give their names and addresses for the record, and no one shall be permitted to enter into any discussion without permission of the presiding officer.

2.04.140 VOTING.

All members of the Council, when present, must vote. If a member of the Council states that he is not voting, his silence shall be recorded as an affirmative vote unless, however, the Council member abstains from voting by reason of his/her interest in the matter before the Council and that reason is stated at the meeting.

2.04.150

DECORUM

A. Council Members. While the Council is in session, the members must preserve order and decorum, and a member shall neither, by conversation or otherwise, delay or interrupt the proceedings or the peace of the Council nor disturb any member while speaking or refuse to obey the orders of the Council or its presiding officer, except as otherwise provided by this chapter. Any member who, after warning by the Chair, repeatedly violates these rules may be ejected for the remainder of the meeting by two-thirds vote of the Council.

B. Other Persons. Any person making personal, impertinent or slanderous remarks or who becomes boisterous during the Council meeting shall be forthwith, by the presiding officer, barred from further audience at the meeting before the Council, unless permission to continue is granted by a majority vote of the Council.

C. Any violation of this section may be punished as an infraction pursuant to Section 1.08.010 of this Code.

2.04.160

PERSONS ALLOWED WITHIN RAIL.

No person, except City officials, their representatives and newsgathering or media personnel, shall be permitted within the rail in front of the Council Chamber during meetings, without the express consent of the Council.

2.04.170

ENTRY OF DISSENT IN MINUTES.

Any Council member shall have the right to have the reasons for his dissent from, or protest against, any action of the Council entered on the minutes.

A. Consistent with the provisions of the Ralph M. Brown Act (Government Code Section **54950** et seq.), the agenda for Council meetings shall be prepared by the City Manager, and distributed by the City Clerk.

B. Matters may be placed on the agenda for consideration by the City Council by request of:

1. **Any** member of the City Council.
2. The City Manager.
3. The City Clerk.
4. The City Attorney.

C. **Any** reasonable request by any person named in this section to place a matter on the agenda shall be honored, subject to the City Manager's discretion as to the preparation of accompanying staff reports.

2.04.190

CLOSED SESSIONS--CONFIDENTIALITY.

A. No officer, employee or agent of the City shall, without proper authorization, divulge confidential information received by such person as part of his or her official duties during any closed session of the City Council authorized under the Ralph M. Brown Act (Government Code Section **54950** et seq.) as it now exists or may later be modified.

B. Such confidential information may include but is not limited to matters involving pending litigation, property acquisition, labor negotiations, personnel matters or other information, the disclosure of which would reasonably be likely to prejudice the good faith conduct of City business, constitute an unwarranted invasion of privacy, or place the City at an unfair disadvantage in negotiations.

C. For purposes of this Section, "proper authorization" shall mean:

- (1) In matters of personal privacy, a waiver by the individual enjoying such right of privacy;
- (2) The order or subpoena of a court of competent jurisdiction;
- (3) Authorization by the City Council as a body;
- (4) Conclusion or finalization of the matter or subject involved, as determined by the City Council.

D. Nothing in this ordinance shall be deemed a waiver of any other confidential privilege for any information established elsewhere by statute or case law.

SECTION 2. All ordinances and parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are repealed insofar as such conflict may exist.


SECTION 3. This ordinance shall be published one time in the "Lodi News Sentinel", a daily newspaper of general circulation printed and published in the City of Lodi and shall be in force and take effect thirty days from and after its passage and approval.

Approved this 3rd day of March 1993



PHILLIP A. PENNINO
Mayor

Attest:



JENNIFER M. PERRIN
City Clerk

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State of California
County of San Joaquin, ss.

I, Jennifer M. Perrin, City Clerk of the City of Lodi, do hereby certify that Ordinance No. 1566 was introduced at a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Lodi held February 17, 1993 and was thereafter passed, adopted and ordered to print at a regular meeting of said Council held March 3, 1993 by the following vote:

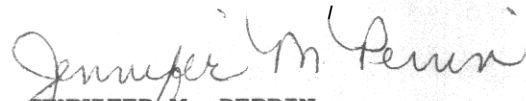
Ayes: Council Members - Davenport, Mann, Sieglock, Snider
and Pennino (Mayor)

Noes: Council Members - None

Absent: Council Members - None

Abstain: Council Members - None

I further certify that Ordinance No. 1566 was approved and signed by the Mayor on the date of its passage and the same has been published pursuant to law.


JENNIFER M. PERRIN
City Clerk

Approved as to Form



BOBBY W. MCNATT
City Attorney

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